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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name and object of the Society.

THIS Association shall be called "THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FLORIDA ;" the object being the collection and preservation of documents and records bearing upon the history of Florida, from the earliest dates.

ARTICLE II.

Members.

Gentlemen residing in all parts of the State may be connected with it as members, to be chosen at any meeting of the Society, on nomination of any member present ; and Honorary Members may at any time be elected.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary and

Treasurer, and a Recording Secretary and Librarian. The Vice-Presidents may be chosen from any part of the State, but the other officers shall be residents of St. Augustine. These officers shall be elected at each annual meeting, and, together with three additional members, chosen at the same meeting, shall constitute an Executive Committee, who shall have a general management of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, or of the Executive Committee; and have a general oversight of the Society. In his absence, any one of the Vice-Presidents may perform his duties.

The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all members of their election, and carry on any necessary correspondence of the Society.

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society; and act also as Librarian, in preserving all papers and books which may come into possession of the Society.

The Treasurer shall keep account of all moneys received, and make payments on the order of the Executive Committee, as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

An annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the 1st Monday in January, for the election of officers, and transaction of other business; at which meeting, Reports shall be presented by the Executive Committee, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Other meetings shall be held as provided in the By-Laws.

Quarterly meetings shall be held on the first Mondays of January, April, July, and October.

The Executive Committee shall have power to call special meetings of the Society at other times, as they may deem proper.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments of Constitution.

The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote, provided that every amendment lie over from a previous regular meeting; and at such meetings a quorum shall consist of at least ten members beside the presiding officer; but for all ordinary purposes, seven shall constitute a quorum.

BY-LAWS.



Sec. 1.—The terms of membership shall be fixed by the Executive Committee at their first meeting; and shall remain unchanged until altered by the further action of the same Committee. The persons adopting the Constitution, being present at its consideration and signing the same, shall be regarded as members of the Society, subject to such rules of admission as the said Executive Committee may determine.

Sec. 2.—The Executive Committee shall be empowered to invite, through the Corresponding Secretary, lectures upon historical and other interesting topics, and to make all necessary arrangements therefor; to fix an entrance fee to such lectures, and to defray any expenses they may deem proper, out of the Lecture Fund.

Sec. 3.—The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received by him; and shall enter all sums received from members, by donation or otherwise, to

the credit of the Library Account, and all sums received from lectures, as given especially therefor, into an account to be called the Lecture Account.

Sec. 4.—The control of the Library, and the collections of the Society, shall be vested in the Executive Committee, who shall direct the disbursement of all funds of the Society, to be drawn by the warrant of not less than two members of said Committee.

Sec. 5.—There shall be meetings of the Society, as provided in the Constitution, which may be called by any two members of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 6.—The funds of the Society shall be devoted, *first*, to the payment of necessary contingent expenses; *secondly*, to making additions to the Library, for which purpose donations shall be solicited from Public Institutions and private individuals; and *thirdly*, to the publication of manuscript works, or valuable translations, illustrating the History of Florida.

Sec. 7.—The election of all officers of the Society shall be by ballot.

[Signed]

B. A. PUTNAM,

President.

K. B. GIBBS,

Recording Secretary.

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1856.

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